

## ABSTRACT

Provided is a support structure for a particulate filter stored inside and properly detachable and attachable, which is low in manufacturing cost, hardly causes stress concentration and readily prevents interference with peripheral devices.

Concerned is a support structure for a muffler 11 with the particulate filter 6 stored inside, the muffler 11 being divided at positions in front of and behind the portion for storage of the filter into portions, the divided portions being detachably fastened together through flanges 12a, 13a and 14a. Brackets 15 and 16 for suspension and support of the muffler 11 from and by a frame 9 (vehicle body) are fitted by fastening the brackets together upon fastening of the flanges 12a and 13a and the flanges 13a and 14a.